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1. a. An envelope bearing [REDACTED] was found north of the Schuetzen Kaserne, Eberswalde (N 53/V 08), and an envelope bearing [REDACTED] in front of the officers club north of the Schuetzen Kaserne on 23 March 1950.
- b. An envelope bearing [REDACTED] was found in the training area about 1 km north of the Artillerie Kaserne on 24 March 1950. The [REDACTED] is believed to be assigned to a unit in the Artillerie Kaserne as all units practicing in the training area come from those barracks. (3).
2. a. Troops arrived in the Artillerie Kaserne and the Schuetzen Kaserne, Eberswalde, on 26 March 1950. Some troops arrived on trucks from the direction of Freienwalde, according to residents living on Freienwalderstrasse.
- b. Three new units, including two artillery units and, presumably, an engineer unit, were definitely observed. The personnel of the assumed engineer unit wore black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. They walked to the Schuetzen Kaserne on Tramperschaussee or rode to the barracks on motor vehicles [REDACTED].
- c. The artillery units, one unit with light guns and one with medium guns (about 80 mm caliber), were quartered in the Artillerie Kaserne.
- d. Guns of 30 to 50 mm caliber were towed by trucks

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e. Troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. (1)

f. The following trucks were loaded with loaves of bread at the grabow bakery on Eisenbahnstrasse:

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driver with tank insignia, about 350 loaves of bread
 driver with tank insignia, about 320 loaves of bread
 driver with artillery insignia, about 380 loaves of bread

driver with red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, about 420 loaves of bread

3. a. Most of the Gberswalde units left the post during the nights of 15 and 16 April 1950.

b. Heavy tanks were entrained at the main railroad station after 11 p.m. on 15 April 1950. The railroad station area was sealed off by Volkspolizei personnel and Russians. The tanks had come from the west (via Thaelmannstrasse) and proceeded to the Soviet entraining station.

c. The head ramp near the railroad bridge was used after 2 a.m. on 16 April 1950. Four trucks loaded with square beams (with perforations) and boards were seen there. Two other trucks carried dark 1x1-meter cushions. [redacted] were identified. All tanks observed were of heavy types. Some came from the cantonment west of Wasserterbrücke, Finow. When entrained their tracks projected by 30 to 50cm over the platform of the railroad cars. The gun barrels were about 4 meters long. The entraining work was not completed by 4 a.m. [redacted] left the railroad station. [redacted] 42 tanks, 12 trucks, 6 jeeps and about 15 sidcar motorcycles to be entrained.

d. Troops started leaving the Artillerie Kaserne at 11:30 p.m. on 16 April 1950. Groups of six to eight

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tanks left the barracks at intervals of about 10 minutes. They moved along Freienwalderstrasse, Breitenstrasse and Stettinerstrasse and proceeded toward Britz. Each group of tanks was escorted by two trucks, one in front and one behind. [REDACTED] counted 26 tanks up to 2 a.m. on 17 April 1950.

e. Heavy tanks and, presumably, SP guns were entrained at the main railroad station after 2:30 a.m. The area around the railroad station was sealed off in a wider circle than on the night before. The entrained tanks were covered with canvas. A train of 16 flatcars, carrying 1 tank each, 8 flatcars carrying trucks and jeeps and 1 car loaded with lumber left the station toward Angermuende at about 3:15 a.m. Several railroad employees said that the trains were bound for Templin. Other troops were allegedly entrained in Britz and Bernau.

f. Workers employed in the Artillerie Kaserne said that the troops left for maneuvers. (2)

4. Identification of documents:

No 1: Envelope addressed to a soldier of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] postmarked 6 March 1950,
examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED]

No 2: Fragment of an envelope addressed to a soldier of [REDACTED] postmarked
19 February 1950.

No 3: Envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] postmarked 13 March 1950,
examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED]

No 4: Envelope addressed to a soldier of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] postmarked 4 March 1950,
examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] comment:

(1) The report on the arrival in Eberswalde of new units appears incredible. The units probably returned to their Eberswalde post upon completion of field exercises.